National Coastal Protection Project

284. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Maharashtra has submitted a National Coastal Protection Project to get Central assistance;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that proposals from five other State Governments are still pending;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) by when Government propose to take decision and release the Central assistance to the said State Governments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (e) Schemes for anti-sea erosion works are planned and implemented by the respective State Governments. Ministry of Water Resources has no scheme for providing Central assistance to States for coastal protection. However, realizing the importance of such works, Central Water Commission requested the State Governments to identify the critical reaches and submit suitable proposal with a view to prepare a scheme namely National Coastal Protection Project (NCPP) for seeking external funding. Proposals from various States including Maharashtra have been received. Government of Maharashtra has submitted a proposal with an estimated cost of Rs. 195.50 crore in July 2002 for inclusion in the National Coastal Protection Project (NCPP). The proposal includes construction of 72.36 km. of anti erosion works in Mumbai, Mumbai Suburban, Thane, Raigad, Ratnagiri and Sindudurg Districts. The compliances to observations of Central Water Commission on the proposals submitted by the coastal States of Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Karnataka and Union Territory(UT) of Lakshadweep for inclusion in the NCPP have not been received. UT of Andaman and Nicobar Islands has not submitted any proposal.

An Approach Paper prepared by Ministry of Water Resources on NCPP had been forwarded by Department of Economic Affairs (DEA) to the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for consideration. ADB approved administering technical assistance to the Government of India for Technical study on "Integrated Coastal Management and Related Investment Development". The Project Preparation Technical Assistance team in its report recommended Project Preparatory Technical Assistance (PPTA) to prepare a project/programme in 2007 having key components for (i) institutional strengthening, capacity building and investment support for coastal management; (ii) capacity building and investment support for coastal protection. Based on the recommendation of the PPTA, an ADB Fact Funding Mission visited three States namely Maharashtra, Goa and Karnataka during April-May, 2007. The Mission also recommended to work initially in Karnataka, Goa and Maharashtra. Thereafter, a meeting was held in DEA and these three States have been requested to confirm arrangement regarding mode of implementation of the project as a State sector project and that the fund from the ADB would be passed on to the States on a back to back basis as is being done for all externally aided project. The confirmation of Maharashtra Government has been received.

Water Resources Project for Andhra Pradesh

285. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has any proposal to undertake accelerated implementation of water resources projects especially in Andhra Pradesh;